

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 9-25, 29-33, 37-45, 47, 49-55, 60, 88, 91, 95, and 104-108 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 29, 60, and 88 are in independent form.

The Office Communication mailed on September 28, 2004 states that the Applicants' Response To Restriction Requirement filed July 15, 2004 electing Group I, Claims 1-5, 9-25, 37-40, 49-55, 59, 91, 95, and 104-108 is not in compliance with present amendment practice. The Communication further states that it cannot be determined which group of Claims 1-5, 9-25, 37-40, 49-55, 59, 91, 95, and 104-108 belong to which amendment since the application has been scanned into the electronic computer system.

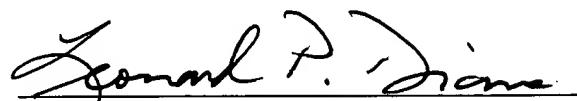
Although Applicants submit that the Response To Restriction Requirement was, in fact, in compliance with present amendment practice, Applicants have nevertheless attached a complete listing of the claims currently pending in this application, along with the present status of each. It is understood from telephone messages exchanged between the Examiner and one of Applicants' attorneys that the complete listing of the claims currently pending, as provided herein, will be deemed fully responsive to the Communication of September 28, 2004.

While no fee is believed to be due in connection with this Response, please charge any fee that may be due, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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